

Minutes of WREN Board Meeting
10th January 2018, The Goods Shed, Wadebridge

WREN Board Members present: Tony Faragher (TF), Rick Johnson (RJ), Amanda Pennington (AP), Kevin Smith (KS).

WREN ops assistant: Leonie McGregor (LM), (minutes).

Apologies: Chris Coonick (CC).

Meeting started 09.15, closed 10.30.

The Board approved the minutes of the last meeting held on 13th December 2017.

Matters arising: To discuss local recycling/ waste reduction initiatives & WREN involvement, see 8 below.

1. **Rachel Wigglesworth** resigned from the Board by email 4th January 2018. Rachel was thanked for her contribution to WREN over the last few years.
2. **Finance:** The Board granted a standing approval for LM to pay TF's monthly salary until the end of the financial year.
3. **Communications:** A press release is being prepared regarding the recent Nanstallon Community Fund award for repair of windows at Nanstallon village institute.
4. **Data Protection Compliance:** TF is working on ensuring WREN's compliance with the new regulations by the deadline at the end of April.
5. **Community Funds:** St Breock Fund has now launched, and appears in January's North Cornwall Advertiser. The panel dates have been set, and the deadline for applications is 16th February.
6. **Carbon Trust project:** WREN has agreed to help trial an app which will give subscribers information on the mix of energy in their local substation. Further information to follow when received.
7. **Future Projects:**
Social Prescribing – AP to introduce Dan Bloomfield who is running the “Dose of nature in Cornwall” project at Treraven Farm to TF. Charlotte Barry also to be included in this discussion.
Energy efficiency & generation in social housing – TF and AP to approach Stride Treglown and other potential developers in Wadebridge.
Clean Earth annual £10K – awaiting response. TF to follow up.
8. **Other business: Recycling and waste reduction.** Plastic waste was discussed. It was agreed that whilst our focus remains energy related, this issue is so urgent and current that anything WREN can do to help promote the reduction in plastic use should be considered, and WREN members involved in any information/initiatives we undertake. AP will investigate further, to include listing reputable research / information/ reports and find out what is happening in Cornwall in the way of local initiatives that WREN could align with.
9. **NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 14th February, 9 15 am at The Goods Shed.**

(then 14th March, 11th April, 9th May, 13th June, 11th July, 8th August, 12th September, 10th October, 14th November, 12th December 2018)